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by the United Kingdom Government the outcome will be watched with deep interest by the people of Canada," said Premier Mackenzie King in the House of Commons, mentioning the steps taken by the Canadian Government in discussions with a delegation from Newfoundland some months ago "for the exchange of information and exploration of many issues that would be involved in union."

"The question as to their future form of government is, of course, one for the people of Newfoundland alone to decide," Mr. King emphasized. "Neither the government nor the people of Canada would wish to influence in any way their decision. Should the people of Newfoundland express clearly their will that Newfoundland should enter Confederation I am sure the people of Canada will welcome them as partners in a larger Canada. Should they decide otherwise, this decision, I am no less sure will be received with understanding and respect by the people of Canada."

SAID IN THE CAPITAL.

"If the Marshall plan fails, Communism will win control of the most of Europe," declared Justice Minister Halsey, addressing a meeting here. "Until we have adequate housing units for all the people of Canada who want them, taking into account the effect that removing controls would have on the cost of living, I think the administration must continue these controls for a longer period," stated A. M. Nicholson, MP in the House of Commons.

"But remember this, my people have a deep love for freedom, for democracy, even as you Canadians," stressed Dr. Frantisek Memecek, who resigned as Czechoslovakia's Minister to Canada after the Communists had taken over control of the country.

"No regime can long stifle beliefs so deeply held."

"The road to success is the road of discipline," remarked Premier King at a luncheon held in the capital to honor Miss Barbara Ann Scott, world champion skater.

"The loss of a leg, an arm or an eye or any other disability is worth just as much to the private as it is to any brigadier," said G. S. White MP, in discussing pensions in Parliament.

"There is an economic crisis, but England is definitely, if very slightly on the upgrade and we are grateful for the assistance we have received from Canada, which is higher pro rata than that of any country," Allastair Fraser of the British chemical industry told an audience in the capital.

WEEKLY WINDUP

The Canadian Government was curtailing its expenditures severely at this time because of the need to hold in check the inflationary pressure of total expenditures, both private and public, a spokesman for the Government stated here.

Reconstruction Minister Howe has made it clear that the Government had used its "good offices" recently to see that no one went without fuel but had no control over the supply or distribution of oil.

Newfoundland-born 75-year old Senator William Duff told the Upper Chamber that senators "waiting to attend to business" in Ottawa should not be forced to commute between the capital and their homes "just so that we may wait around here for certain people elsewhere to get their work through," lashing out at adjournments.

It is evident that wages of labor in Canada, notwithstanding any stories to the contrary, received a setback at the hands of rising prices during the past year as official information shows now that during the 12 months of 1947 average weekly wages in the 9 leading industries rose from \$32.77 to \$36.29, a gain of 10.7% in comparison with a rise in the cost of living index in the same period from 127 to 148.3 and increase of 16.8%.

The Canadian Government is asking now for \$7,428,000 for the National Research Council for the fiscal year ending March 1949, and this means an increase of no less than \$879,098 from last year's appropriation.

Also the demand is for \$6,015,772 for the Atomic Research Board, an increase of \$177,777. Examination of the details reveals that salaries and wages account for a large share of the expenses of the National Research Council since this year, it is estimated 1,456 employees will draw wages and salaries of \$3,992,495, whereas last year \$4,604,033 went to 1,830 employees.

The international wheat agreement, which has been initiated by Canada among 36 countries, will make necessary a review of the United Kingdom wheat agreement it is believed here.



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Pure Seed Pays

It is impossible and unnecessary to enumerate and enlarge upon all the advantages to be gained by the use of pure seed of recommended varieties. It is important to remember, however, that all types and mixtures in field crops may be a source of serious loss just as an early in poultry and serums in livestock.

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